Quiz 2/29/16  
  
1. Constitutions are expected to do all of the following except   
a. assign constitutional power.   
b. identify political leaders..   
c. place limitations on the government.   
d. establish major governing institutions.   
  
2. The constitution of the Republic of Texas adopted some provisions from Spanish-Mexican law, including   
a. homestead protections.   
b. protection for a wife’s property rights.   
c. concept of community property.   
d. all of the above..   
  
3. Common law refers to   
a. superior law that establishes governing institutions and organizes their formal power relationship.   
b. laws that deal with the basic principles of government.   
c. customs upheld by courts and derived from British tradition..   
d. law passed by legislatures and written into code books.   
  
4. Which of the following is not correct about the Texas Constitution of 1869?   
a. It centralized state power in the hands of the governor.   
b. It provided for annual legislative sessions.   
c. It decentralized the Texas public school system..   
d. It allowed the governor to appoint all major state offices.   
  
5. The Constitution of 1875 was opposed by all of the following groups except   
a. Blacks.   
b. Republicans.   
c. Democrats..   
d. railroad interests.   
  
  
  
6. Article 3 of the Texas Constitution assigns power to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ legislature consisting of the 31 members of the senate and the 150 members of the house of representatives.   
a. bicameral   
b. unicameral   
c. polar   
d. unitary government   
  
7. The Texas Constitution makes the governor a relatively weak executive; however, he maximizes influences with   
a. his tenure in office.   
b. his appointive powers.   
c. his veto power.   
d. all of the above..   
  
8. The constitution stipulates that state judges are to be selected by which method?   
a. Partisan election by the voters.   
b. Election by the legislators   
c. Appointment by the governor   
d. Nonpartisan election by the voters   
  
9. The state government decentralizes power by assigning many functions to units of local government, especially   
a. special districts.   
b. general law cities.   
c. councils of government.   
d. counties..

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a document authorizing the establishment of a city with a population of 5,000 or less whose structure and organization are prescribed and limited by state law.   
a. General-law charter.   
b. Home-rule charter   
c. Special district   
d. County 